

END OF LIFE COMFORT MEASURES

When a patient with a terminal condition has not yet died and has a properly executed EMS/DNR Statute, Bracelet and/or POLST (Physician Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment) form (blue), contact medical control for orders for comfort measures. Relay the physician's orders as listed on the POLST form.

1. Assess patient vitals and condition
2. **Contact Medical Control**
3. Medical Control Options:
 - a. Airway:
 - i. Shortness of breath - Oxygen
 - ii. Wheezing - administer Albuterol
 - iii. Rales - administer Morphine and Nitroglycerine
 - iv. Suction intubated patients
 - b. Chest pain
 - i. Oxygen
 - ii. Nitroglycerine
 - iii. Morphine
 - c. Other pain
 - i. Fentanyl
 - ii. Morphine
 - d. Weakness, nausea, dehydration, volume depletion
 - i. Intravenous fluids
 - ii. Ondansetron
 - iii. Dextrose
 - iv. Oral Glucose
 - f. Transport to hospital or care facility if designated on the POLST form, or the patient may be left at the current location if transport is not desired.